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Austin Wakeman Scott

I present to you, Sir, Austin Wakeman Scott, Dane Professor of Law, Emeritus, of the Harvard Law School, whose brilliant career as a law teacher has spanned a period of over 50 years and whose legal scholarship has won for him a reputation of the highest order throughout the common law world. Generations of law students have found his classes an exciting and rewarding intellectual experience. His teaching methods, skills, legal scholarship, and his friendly and wise counsel have been an inspiration and guide to his colleagues in the law teaching profession within and beyond his own school and his own country. In the field of legal writing he has no peer and his great treatise on the Law of Trusts has made a singular and momentous contribution to the law and its literature. In a style at once simple, clear and concise his writing has clarified and ordered this complex subject and established a precedent which will guide and instruct all those who would in the future emulate his example. Canadian law schools have special reason to be grateful to him and his school for the profound influence they have had upon the development of legal education in this country. We salute him as a teacher, scholar, counsellor and friend and present him to you, Mr. Treasurer, that you may confer upon him our highest academic award.